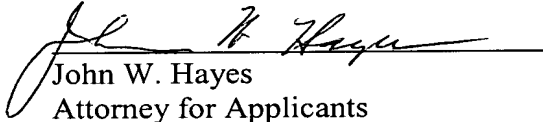


Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendments and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 5, 7-8, 10-14, 17-19, 21-22, have been amended and Claims 9, 15-16, 20, and 23-26 have been canceled. Thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 1-18 are pending.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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